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Argentina

Rights Update. Recent Argentine human rights developments include:

--publication by the government of the fifth and sixth lists in a series designed to identify all persons acknowledged by the government as state-of-siege prisoners; the six installments name a total of 2,993 prisoners out of 3,747 currently held, according to government figures;

--Foreign Ministry notification of Embassy Buenos Aires on March 10 that nine persons who are of high interest to the US have not "disappeared" as was previously thought but are under state-of-siege detention in Cordoba (central Argentina); and

--the March 8 abduction of an internationally known medical specialist, Beatriz Rosalia Iparraguirre de Weinstein, who, according to Embassy Buenos Aires, was not a political activist.

(CONFIDENTIAL, Buenos Aires 1791, March 10; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE, Buenos Aires 1680, March 6; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE, Buenos Aires 1841, March 13)

INR Comment: When serial publication of the detainee list is completed, the government will come under heavy pressure to account for the thousands who have allegedly disappeared but failed to show up on the list. The coincidence of the Weinstein kidnapping with publication of the prisoner lists again emphasizes the absence of a consistent pattern in Argentine human rights matters.
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